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MASSACHUSETTS BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY SOLICITATION FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE RED BLUE CONNECTOR REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

MBTA CONTRACT NO. OCEPS10

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority Office of the Chief Engineer is soliciting professional services for the Red Blue Connector.

The scope of services includes providing preliminary engineering and environmental review services. Project tasks may include preliminary engineering, an alternatives analysis and environmental review, federal funding program review, and internal and external coordination.

The selected Consultant will exhibit a depth of experience and expertise in the design and construction of tunnel, power, signals, track, structures, and transit facilities as well as resilient station design.

The conceptual level cost estimate for the proposed project is \$850,000,000. The duration of this contract will be three (3) years with two (2) optional one (1) year extensions.

Firms having capabilities for this work are invited to submit a Statement of Qualifications to Cheryl A. Guidod, Director of Professional Service Contracts/Procurement, MBTA Capital Support, 10 Park Plaza, Room 5170, Boston, MA 02116 **no later than 2:00 PM on February 10, 2022 via Box.com. Please email Keon Finklea at KFinklea@mbta.com no later than 12:00pm on February 10, 2022 for Box.com access.** Joint Venture participation will be considered.

Proposers are solely responsible for assuring that the MBTA receives their SOQs by the specified delivery date and time at the address listed above. The MBTA shall not be responsible for delays in delivery caused by weather; difficulties experience by couriers or delivery services; misrouting of packages by courier or delivery services; improper, incorrect, or incomplete addressing of deliveries; and other occurrences beyond the control of the MBTA. Proposers should be cognizant of the time required to pass through building security screening.

This project is expected to utilize state funding. In addition, the Authority strongly encourages the use of Minority, Women and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises as prime consultants, sub- consultants and suppliers in all of its contracting opportunities.

Responses to the Request for Qualification shall include one (1) digital copy, submitted via Box.com of a current Standard Form (SF) 330 - Architect/Engineer Qualification Questionnaire for all proposed team members, including all proposed sub-consultant firms

Consistent with the equity-based innovations across federal, state, and municipal government as well as the private and corporate sectors, the MBTA is also working to create meaningful, systemic change by promoting more equitable environments by enhancing its workforce and business partnerships through its strategies and initiatives related to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI). Consideration for contracting opportunities with the MBTA will be based, in part, on an organization's ability to demonstrate its commitment to DEI including efforts to advance DEI in your organization, with your business partners, and beyond your organization in the communities that you serve. In the MBTA Capital Program, we are also leveraging the DEI-related best practices and policy updates that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Supplier Diversity Office (SDO) is unveiling and promoting for diversity and small business programs (please refer to www.mass.gov/sdp for further context).

Please utilize Section H (Additional Information) of the Standard Form (SF) 330 to address the following:

- 1) Demonstrate your firm's commitment to advancing diversity, equity and inclusion within your organization by providing a copy of your firm's DEI Policy and a brief but detailed description of your DEI strategies and initiatives including but not limited to dedicated resources – both fiscal and human capital, and your approach to benchmarking and identifying gaps as well as opportunities to prioritize to advance the success of your organizations DEI readiness. (10 points)
- 2) Demonstrate your firm's commitment to advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion with your business partners by providing (I) a brief summary of how your firm has partnered with the following types of business enterprises over the last 2 years including Disadvantaged (DBE), Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT), Services – Service Disabled Veteran owned (SDVOBE), Minority owned (MBE), Veteran owned (VBE) or Women owned (WBE) and (II) a brief but detailed summary of how your firm is providing opportunities for such firms on the Project Team and how you plan to use such firms to effectively delivery PMCM Services to the MBTA. (10 points)
- 3) Demonstrate your firm's commitment to advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion beyond your organization by describing all actions your firm is taking to proactively contribute to advancing DEI in the Architectural, Engineering, and Construction (AEC) Industry and beyond. (5 points)

Please utilize Section H (Additional Information) of the Standard Form (SF) 330 to address the following:

1. Proposed Team and Organization.

Key personnel qualifications for all project disciplines. The Project Manager assigned by the selected consultant(s) shall be a registered Civil or Structural Engineer with a minimum of ten years of PM experience managing complex transit infrastructure projects with a preference for rail tunneling projects; and possess experience with MBTA systems, procedures, and inter-departmental coordination. The project manager will also have a working knowledge of all appropriate design codes and MBTA standards.

2. The Consultant must also specifically identify the QA/QC manager assigned to this project.
3. Project experience of consultant team members that best illustrates current qualifications relevant to this project.
4. Additional information or description of resources supporting Firms' qualifications for the project.

In addition, Consultants shall provide:

- Affirmative Action Plan/Employee Profile/DBE Certification Letters

The Statement of Qualifications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

Proposed Team and Organization	15 points
Key Personnel Qualifications	25 points
Relevant Project Experience	25 points
Additional Information (DEI Evaluation)	25 points
Personnel by Discipline	
Overall Evaluation	10 points
AA/EP/DBE Evaluation	<u>Pass/Fail</u>
TOTAL	100 points

It is the practice of the Authority to encourage the economic growth of professional firms through broad solicitation and award of contracts. All capable firms are invited to submit a Statement of Qualifications in accordance with the instructions presented in this solicitation.

Following an initial evaluation of qualifications and performance data, firms considered to be the most highly qualified to provide the required services will be requested to submit proposals and may be invited to participate in oral interviews. Please note in order to be considered for an RFP, the proposer must pass the AA/EP/DBE Evaluation.

This is not a Request for Proposal. The MBTA reserves the right to cancel this procurement or to reject any or all Statements of Qualifications.

The MBTA will hold a virtual project briefing for Red Blue Connector on Monday, January 24, 2022, 11am-noon via Microsoft Teams. Please use the link below to participate.

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